

# **SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION GUIDE**



**TOWN OF GIBSONS**  
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This brochure provides an overview of the steps involved in the Sign Permit application process. This is a general guide only. It is not meant to replace bylaws or other legal documents. Applicants are advised to meet with the Planning Department to discuss their application.

### WHAT IS A SIGN PERMIT?

The Town of Gibsons has a Sign Bylaw (No. 1215, 2016) that specifies types, heights, and areas of signage permitted to be installed on a property within the Town of Gibsons.

A sign permit should be applied for the following types of signage:

- Awning Signs
- Changeable Copy Signs
- Freestanding and Monument Signs
- Projecting and Suspended Signs
- Sandwich Board Signs
- Wall Signs
- Window Signs

A Sign Permit is not required for a sign that is identified in a Development Permit or a Development Variance Permit.

Please note that no business shall have more than three permitted signs.

### APPLICATION FEE

At the time of submitting the application, you are required to pay the application fee. This fee is non-refundable and is intended to recover a portion of the costs of processing the application. The fees are shown in the table below:

Description	Fee	Unit
Permit for a single sign	\$50	Per application
Permit for two or more signs	\$75	Per application
Permit for a Sandwich Board	\$50	Per application
Permit to change face of each existing conforming sign	\$25	Per Sign
Retroactively permit a sign that has been installed without a sign permit in good standing	\$150	Per Sign

## **STEPS TO SIGN PERMIT ISSUANCE**

### **STEP 1 – PRE-APPLICATION MEETING**

Before proceeding with a Sign Permit application, owners are encouraged to meet with staff to review all options related to their proposal.

Before submitting an application, you are advised to review your proposed plans to ensure that your proposal meets the requirements of the Sign Bylaw.

### **STEP 2 – SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

A completed application form, with necessary attachments, is to be submitted to the Planning Department and must include:

- ☐ **Completed application form** signed by registered owner of the property. If applicable, written authorization for an agent to act on behalf of the registered owner(s) of the subject property may be required.
- ☐ Payment of **Application Fee**, details under section 7 of the application.

**Sign Permit Details:** One set of reduced drawings required, including:

- ☐ Site Plan;
  - ☐ Elevation of building walls and dimensions showing the position of the proposed signs and any existing signs (must be to scale);
  - ☐ Type of illumination and colours to be used;
  - ☐ Letter of Assurance from a Professional Engineer (if requested by the Building Inspector);
  - ☐ A project summary sheet outlining the area of each type of sign on the property, the number of each type of sign (i.e. Wall), and other relevant data. The project summary sheet should include totals for existing and proposed signage; and,
  - ☐ Photograph of building face showing location of existing signage.
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- ☐ **Proof of Insurance:**
    - ☐ Suspended signs and sandwich boards that are to be located on public property must have proof of insurance of at least \$2 million indemnifying the Town against all loss, cost, damage or expense incurred against the Town through the placement of the sign.

## **STEP 3 – APPLICATION REVIEW AND REFERRAL TO AGENCIES**

The Planning Department reviews the proposal and may refer it to other municipal departments, or outside referral agencies for comment (allow six weeks for referral process). The Planning Department will advise if a Development Permit application is required.

## **STEP 4 – ISSUANCE OF THE SIGN PERMIT**

### **APPLICATION TIMING**

The Sign Permit process (when a Development Permit is not required) requires one to four weeks.

Time for each step of the application is dependent on the complexity of the application, the thoroughness of the initial application submission, the consistency of the application with Town bylaw requirements, and current workload of staff and Council. Applicants are advised to meet with early in the project design.

### **CONTACTS**

Town of Gibsons Planning Department: 604-886-2274

Town of Gibsons Building Department: 604-886-2274

Gibsons and Area Volunteer Fire Department: 604-885-6870

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure: 604-740-8987

This brochure is meant for guidance only and is not intended to replace the requirements of the *Local Government Act* and applicants should obtain copies of the relevant bylaws before proceeding with development applications. For specific information, please contact the staff at:

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474 South Fletcher Road, Box 340  
Gibsons, B.C. V0N 1V0



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# SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

Please read the Sign Permit Application Guide before filling out this application form. If you have any questions or require assistance in filling out this form contact the Planning Department. The processing of your application will be delayed if it is incomplete. Mail or deliver the completed application form, fee, plans and supporting material to the Town of Gibsons Planning Department and make your fee payable to the Town of Gibsons. Contact the Town of Gibsons Planning staff for the current fee prior to submitting your applications as fees may change.

## SECTION 1: DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Lot/Parcel \_\_\_\_\_ Plan \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_

District Lot/Section \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_

Other Description \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction and Folio Number (From Property Assessment/Tax Notice) \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Identifier (PID) (From State of Title Certificate) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: OWNER INFORMATION (ADD PAGES IF MORE THAN TWO OWNERS)

First Owner Information

Second Owner Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 3: APPLICANT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### SECTION 4: PLANS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS CHECKLIST

**Completed application form** signed by registered owner of the property. If applicable, written authorization for an agent to act on behalf of the registered owner(s) of the subject property may be required.

Payment of **Application Fee**, details under Section 7.

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- Photograph of building face showing location of existing signage.

**Proof of Insurance:** A sign located on public property requires insurance of at least 2 million indemnifying the Town against loss, cost, damage or expense incurred by the Town from the placement of the sign.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If the space provided below for each section is not sufficient, please attach additional information using a Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or a separate PDF document.

## SECTION 5: SIGN TYPE AND DESCRIPTION (SPECIFY)

Freestanding

Any existing freestanding signs on this lot? \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical/Illuminated: \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic message: \_\_\_\_\_

Fascia: \_\_\_\_\_

Awning: \_\_\_\_\_

Sandwich Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Overhanging property: \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Assurance of design and commitment for field review from a professional engineer is required for sign and base.

## SECTION 6: SIGN DIMENSIONS (FOR PROPOSED SIGNAGE)

Use additional pages if more than one sign is proposed.

Total height	_____	Metres
Clearance from grade or sidewalk	_____	Metres
Sign area (both faces)	_____	Metres <sup>2</sup>
Length	_____	
Height	_____	
Depth	_____	
Weight	_____	
Supports and Anchors	_____	

## SECTION 7: SIGN PERMIT FEES

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## SECTION 8: APPLICATION COMPLETION

(initial each of the following)

I have completed all sections of this application form.

I have included detailed site plans and elevation drawings as required in Section 4 of this application form.

I have included the additional documentation and reports required in Section 4 of this application form.

All owners listed on the title have signed the application.

I have included the correct fee, see Section 7.

Please note: your application will not be considered complete and cannot be processed unless it contains all of the information above. Please also review all relevant bylaws including the Official Community Plan (Bylaw 985 and associated amendments), and the Development Application Procedures Bylaw.

## SECTION 9: OWNER'S CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION

To process the application the signature of all registered owners is required. For additional owners, including Strata Corporations, attach a separate sheet.

In order to assist the Town of Gibsons in the review and evaluation of my application, by signing below, I authorize the Planner(s) assigned to this application to enter into the land at reasonable times, after making reasonable efforts to arrange a schedule a convenient time for such a visit, to inspect the land. I acknowledge a right, if a convenient time can be scheduled, to accompany the Planner on the site visit.

By signing below, I authorize the Applicant named in Section 3 of this application to represent this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner One, Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Two, Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorization Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorization Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date